from State Bank of India to take over Purbanchal Bank Limited as its subsidiary bank. However the question of the future set up of the Purbanchal Bank Limited which is at present under orders of moratorium upto 20-5-1990 including *inter-alia* making it a subsidiary of State Bank of India is under consideration of the Government in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

Appointments of Judges in High Courts and the Suprme Court

359. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of Judges in the various High Courts and in the Supreme Court at present;

(b) the number of such appointments that were cleared by the previous Government before deputing office but wherein the Presidential orders were not issued; and

(c) how many out of these have been referred back by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The requisite information is given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Proposals for appointment of 15 persons were in an advanced stage of consideration when further processing had to be deferred by the previous Government as the Notification calling for General Elections had issued.

Out of these 15 proposals 13 were subsequently referred back to the State authorities as one or more of the Constitutional functionaries concerned had changed.

Statement

Position as on 1-3-1990.

I	High Court	Sanctioned strength	Number of vacancies
1.	Allahabad	60	14
2.	Andhra Pradesh	26	9
3.	Bombay	54	7
4.	Calcutta	44	4
5.	Delhi	27	6
6.	Gauhati	13	1
7.	Gujarat	21	9
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6	2
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	7	2
10.	Karnataka	25	6
11.	Kerala	26	2
12.	Madhya Pradesh	30	8
13.	Madras	25	5
14.	Orissa	14	1
15.	Patna	35	7
16.	Punjab & Haryana	23	5
17.	Rajasthan	23	5
18.	Sikkim	3	1
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II	Supreme Court	26	1